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1. MISOFF WHILE SEEING MAKIEDO OTHER MATTERS TOOK OPPORTUNITY INFORMALLY PASS ON CONTINUING USG CONCERNS RE RESREP KOUWENHOVEN'S MANAGERIAL AND JUDGMENTAL COMPETENCE MOST ESPECIALLY AS IT INVOLVES THE WFP PROGRAM IN YAR IN GENERAL AND HIS DIRECT OR EVEN INDIRECT SUPPORT OF ANY ROLE FOR WFP YEMEN DIRECTOR TAKIR IN DISTRIBUTION OF US WHEAT DONATION TO WFP IN PARTICULAR.

2. MAKIEDO SAID WHILE HE HAD ONLY LIMITED RELIABLE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION AT MOMENT ON WHICH MAKE JUDGEMENTS, HE WOULD HAVE MORE SOON AS YAR DESK OFFICER, A BULGARIAN NAMED VELITCHKOV, WHO HE RATED HIGHLY, WAS PRESENTLY IN YAR LOOKING AT WFP AMONG OTHER THINGS AND WAS DUE BACK TO UNDP HEADQUARTERS TO MAKE FRANK REPORT TO MAKIEDO. MAKIEDO WENT ON SAY THAT AT LEAST SOME ASPECTS OF MATTER HAD BEEN TAKEN UP WITH LEGEROS BY USG OFFICIALS (BUCK AND
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LAUDATO) WHEN LEGEROS RECENTLY VISITED WASHINGTON.

3. MAKIEDO SAID HE SENT LONG HADN WRITTEN "SHAPE UP" LETTER TO KOUWENHOVEN SHORTLY AFTER USUN'S DECEMBER INTERVENTION (USUN 5547). HE ALSO READ EXCERPTS FROM A 31 DEC. LETTER FROM KOUWENHOVEN TELLING OF RECENT CRAWFORD CALL ON HIM RE THE WFP AND UPCOMING USG FOOD DONATION. LETTER WENT ON SAY THAT WHILE U.S. HAD EXPRESSED TO HIM ITS DOUBTS ABOUT TAKIR THAT GYAR OFFICIALS HELD HIM IN HIGH ESTEEM AND KOUWENHOVEN HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE TAKIR WASN'T COMPETENT, HONEST OFFICIAL.

4. WOULD APPEAR IF SMITH OF WFP CONVINCED OF TAKIR'S CULPABILITY EITHER HE DID NOT SEE FIT SO INFORM KOUWENHOVEN (WHILE SO INFORMING CRAWFORD) OR KOUWENHOVEN FOR HIS OWN REASONS CHOOSES NOT TO SO INFORM MAKIEDO.

5. MAKIEDO SAID HE AWARE TAKIR HAD TURNED DOWN ONE TRANSFER OFFERED HIM BY WFP, AWAITING BETTER OFFER AND THIS ONE REASONS HE STILL ON SCENE. MISOFF MADE HIM GENERALLY AWARE OF CRAWFORD APPROACH TO IRYANI AND OUR STRONG DESIRE HAVE NEW YEMEN WFP DIRECTOR ON SCENE FOR "LONG OVERLAP" ASAP.

6. MISOFF STRONGLY HINTED MAKIEDO AND COMPANY MIGHT WANT MOVE UP REVIEW OF BIDDING RE RETENTION KOUWENHOVEN FROM PREVIOUSLY PLANNED MAY-JUNE TIME SCHEDULE.

7. FYI: LEGEROS STILL AT BUT ABOUT TO DEPART UNDP HQ. NOT AWARE TO WHAT EXTENT IF ANY MAKIEDO WILL SHARE RENEWED USG CONCERNS WITH LEGEROS OR OTHERWISE GIVE HIM SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
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